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Observations of the Rev. Gabe Tucker.

You may note it on the pain's as a mighty
 To make your judgment by the clock's dat-
 ers up a man;
 For hardly needs to tell you how you often
 come across
 A fifty dollar saddle on a twenty dollar horse.
 An' wakin' in the low ground's you discover
 as you go,
 But the fines' shuck may hide de meanes' nub-
 bin in a row!
 I think a man has got a mighty slender chance
 for heben
 But holds on to his piety but one day out of
 seven.
 Dat talks about de sinners wid a heap of sol-
 -man chat.
 An' nobber draps a nickel in de missionary
 hat;
 Dat's foremost in de meetin'-house for raisin'
 all de chunes,
 But lays aside his 'ligion with his Sunday pau-
 -lous!
 I nobber judge o' people dat I meets along de
 way
 By de places where dey come from an' de
 houses whar dey stay;
 For de baddest chicken's awful fond o' roostin'
 pretty high,
 An' de turkey buzzard sails above de eagle in
 de sky;
 Dey ketches little minners in de middle ob de
 sca,
 An' you find smalles' possum up de bigges'
 kind o' tree!

Scribner's Magazine.

Mexican Railway Subsidies.

An article in the July Harper's gives
 some timely information regarding the
 lengths and subsidies of the railroad
 lines in process of construction in Mex-
 ico. The distance, of course, may vary
 slightly, as the lines are not yet finally
 located, and are given as estimated:

Name.	Length in Kilo- meters.	Subsidy per Kilo- meter.	Estimated total subsidy.
Mexican Central.	5,400	\$4,000	\$21,600,000
Mexican National (inter-oceanic).	915	7,000	6,405,000
Mexican National (international).	1,045	6,500	6,792,500
Sonora.	427	7,000	2,989,000
Simabua, Durango.	440	8,000	3,520,000
Tehuantepec.	470	7,500	3,525,000
Total.	9,697		\$45,831,500

Here are 8,453 miles, with an average
 subsidy of \$13,050 per mile, aggregat-
 ing \$45,000. The subsidies to the
 Central and National railways are
 provided for by a law requiring that a
 portion of the custom-house dues shall be
 paid in certificates of construction, to
 be issued by the companies and sold at
 a price not exceeding par. Six per
 cent. of these dues must be paid with
 Central scrip. The other grants are
 termed money subsidies, with provisos
 that only a certain amount shall be pay-
 able in each year. The Tehuantepec
 line has also a land grant estimated at
 200,000 acres, which may be valuable.
 All capital invested in these railroads,
 as well as the material imported for
 their construction and operation, is ex-
 empt from taxation or impost for a
 long number of years. In addition to
 those already specified, there have been
 granted since 1877 concessions for the
 construction of more than 2,500 miles
 of railroad, and subsidies to the amount
 of \$32,000,000, many of which, however,
 will probably fail from want of capital,
 or by the lapse of concessions. The to-
 tal amount of these subsidies payable in
 customs scrip is \$36,317,000. In the
 year 1873-4, the value of the exports was
 \$31,791,150; of imports, \$29,630,406; and
 the total revenue, \$22,197,803. Mexican
 authorities estimate the exports for 1880
 at \$35,000,000. Assuming the imports to
 equal the exports—and they average
 less—the revenue for 1880 would be
 about \$25,500,000, 10 per cent. of which
 would only suffice for the payment of
 the average subsidy on 195 miles of rail-
 road. At this rate it would require
 eighteen years to pay off the scrip sub-
 sidy.

The Kind of Corps He Made.

An early days' journalist in the Hills,
 who is now doing duty on a Philadel-
 phia paper, is giving his experience in
 that region through the columns of his
 journal, in short and spicy articles. In
 a recent issue he remarked: "I always
 made it a rule in reporting a shooting
 scrape in my paper to say that the man
 who got away with the fight was a quiet,
 gentlemanly sort of a man, and the de-
 ceased had incipient pneumonia and
 would have died in a short time any-
 how. There was one fellow, though,
 who had killed five or six men within a
 few weeks, and I wrote a leader, in
 which I suggested that the graveyard
 was filling up too fast for a new camp;
 that subscription lists for funeral expen-
 ses were almost too frequent; and that
 some folks ought to drop on themselves
 and not be so handy with their six-
 shooters. The next day that fellow
 called on me and wanted to know if
 the article was intended to convey any
 personal reflections. Of course I said,
 'Certainly not sir,' but I was a little
 scared of him after that when he was
 drunk. When he was sober he was a
 quiet, gentlemanly sort of man. Well,
 one night while he was waiting with
 his favorite hurdy, Slim Peff popped
 him over with a pill from a bull dog—
 plugged him right square between the
 eyes—and he never kicked. I was
 summoned on the corner's jury, and I
 felt a sort of relief in bringing in a ver-
 dict of death caused by a pistol shot
 fired by some hand unknown to the
 jury. He made a very quiet, gentle-
 manly sort of a corpse."

There will be a high time on the sum-
 mit of Uncompahgre Peak in Colorado
 on the Fourth. It is proposed to cele-
 brate the day by a picnic, flag raising
 and bonfire on the top of the Giant of
 the San Juan, 14,500 ft. above sea level.

Two running races have been arrang-
 ed to come off in Santa Fe on the 18th.
 Casad is to race with Davis, distance
 125 yards, for \$500. Kendrick will
 run against a man known as "The Cut-
 ter," fifty yards, for \$50.

A Ruined City.

It is not generally known that the Ta-
 os valley, which now contains nearly
 10,000 people, also contains ruins of a
 much larger population antedating the
 Pueblos and Mexicans. Between the
 present town and the Rio Hondo are
 traces of houses and streets extending
 through the sage brush for four or five
 miles. Nothing now remains but the
 cobble stone foundations of the houses
 from which the cement or mud has long
 since been washed, leaving them in
 piles at right angles to each other.—
 Cimarron News and Press.

Mrs. J. H. Lacy, widow of the cattle
 king, contracted with the Pueblo marble
 works for a monument to be erected in
 the cemetery east of Trinidad to the
 memory of her husband, who was killed
 on the round-up in the San Juan
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 Dan" Howland. It will be nineteen feet
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